

TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
COUNCIL ON AGING
October 16, 2013
SENIOR CENTER
9:00 AM

Members Present: Jeff Browne, Chairman
Kathy Staropoli, Vice Chairman
Michelle Harwood
Dick Magenis, Secretary
Helen Johnston
David Smith Jr.
Dorris Van Deusen

Others Present: John Arthur Miller, Senior Center Director
Nadine Hawver, Assistant to the Director
Barbara Hayfee – Manager of Dewey Court

Chairman Browne called the meeting to order at 9:03AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 16, 2013 were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Michelle Harwood, seconded by Dick Magenis. The motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE REPORT:

Director Miller presented both the COA budget and the State Formula grant. He mentioned that although it looks like we have spent more than 50% of the budget this reflects two payments to SBETC and the MCOA conference expenses. Motion to accept the financial reports was made Michelle Harwood, seconded by Dick Magenis. The motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR REPORT:

1. Program Updates - John-Arthur mentioned several new programs that are being offered late afternoons to be able to attract new people.
2. MCOA Conference – JA, Nadine and Helen Johnston all attended the conference held in Sturbridge earlier in the month. All three felt the conference was wonderful with a great deal of good info and wonderful networking.
3. The town is providing us with updated 2013 Microsoft office for Nadine and John-Arthur's computers.
4. The final item that JA brought forth was some analysis of numbers of seniors that we are serving here in Sheffield. According to US census figures in 2000, we were serving 15% of the local population and in 2010 we are serving 29.7% of the population of Sheffield. This figure is only going to increase as more of our population turns 65 and more people continue to relocate to Sheffield for retirement. Additionally the numbers from Jan – Sept 2012 compared to the same time in 2013 shows we are serving 15% more people here at the center. Our outreach for providing services has increased 26% - JA gives credit for these numbers to having a new assistant that has allowed him out of the office to serve our seniors. Also reflected are the number of volunteer hours going from 400 to 600 for the same time and for the fiscal year we are already at 2200 hours given by our seniors. With a minimum wage of \$8 per hour that is over \$17,000 saved by having volunteers donating time here at the center.